

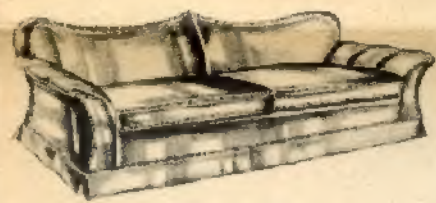
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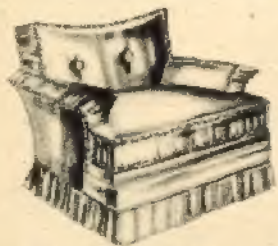
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LET'S EXPLORE

LET'S visit Montana today! That's not a suggestion to start checking airplane schedules. Rather it's an invitation to come along on a 90-minute ride through Warren County to visit West Jersey's beautiful Scotts Mountain. Montana will be one of many places visited, but certainly its name is the most intriguing.

Jersey's Montana was on the front pages a few weeks ago when a census taker found an old couple living in a hillside cave. It's safe to say that few readers know where Montana Village is; the activities of the "Montana Improvement Association" do not include publicity. Perhaps that's why the Scotts Mountain range surrounding the village remains one of the state's unsullied beauty spots.

Washington is the gateway to Scotts Mountain and immediate entrance is via Brass Castle road to the right of Route 24, a mile west of Washington. Many motorists stop at Weldon Opdyke's store in Brass Castle to ask if the stone building with the wooden top structure across the street is the "Castle." Opdyke corrects that impression—the building is the former Opdyke Mill which hummed with activity at the turn of the century. Now the building is owned by a Newark professor.

Opdyke claims his grandmother told him "Brass Castle" came from a "man named Brass" who had such a wonderful home the children called it "Bass's Castle."

History books say the village name was derived from one Jacob Brass (who also had a beautiful home). At any rate, the area no longer is as thriving as it was 100 years ago when as many as 20 iron

mines were active in Scotts Mountain.

THE road curves left just past the "mill-house" and starts climbing sharply. Before Montana is reached the

motorist will have risen 800 feet in five miles. Woods hem in the route much of the way with only an occasional farm to break the forest. Then as Scotts Mountain levels off in a plateau at Montana a crooked rambling "Virginia" or "snake" fence along a gravel road to the left is an invitation to turn off the main road for a magnificent view.

Long ago this entire plateau—extending over many square miles—had the name of Montana (Spanish for "mountainous"). The village in the center was originally called Springtown, then Springville to distinguish it from Springtown on Schooleys Mountain. It was named Montana soon after the Civil War, at least 20 years before the State of Montana was admitted to the Union in 1889.

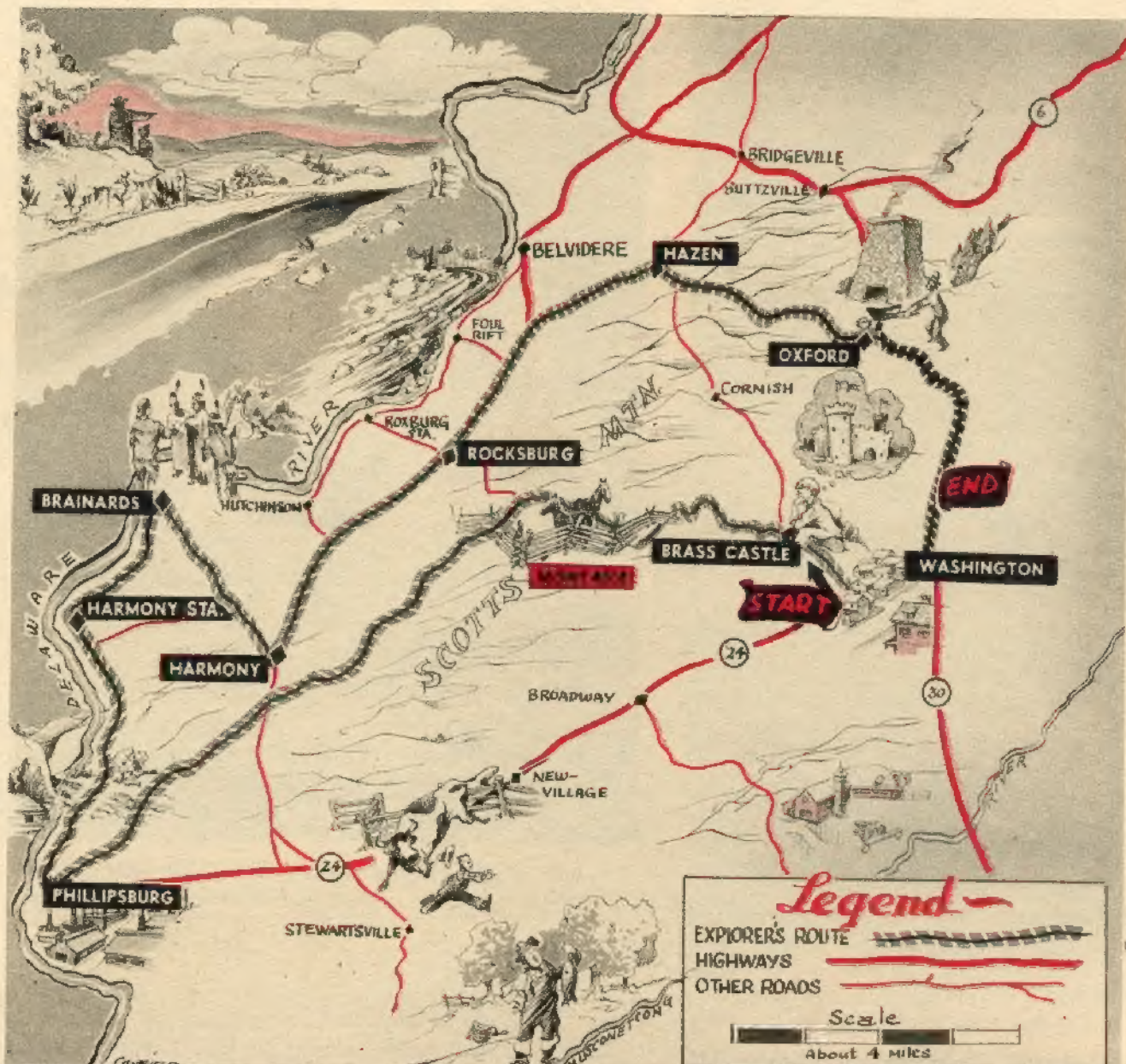
The village was once a mountain shopping and church center but there is little left. A left turn must be made off the main road to visit the village of Montana and the motorist will have to look sharply for the road sign just west of the "snake" fence.

Montana is 1,259 feet above sea level, the highest point in rolling Scotts Mountain. Exactly where "Scotts" is derived from is unknown, but a 1797 journal called it "Scotch" Mountain. Farmers have found the western slopes easily tilled and fields have been under cultivation at least 175 years. Upland in the thick forests countless products have been dug from the earth,



BY JOHN T. CUNNINGHAM

The mountain range viewed from plateau near Montana. Note "Virginia" fence.



How to get to Montana without leaving Jersey is one highlight of above tour.



Miniature "gap" north of "P'burg" where river has cut way through mountain.

including several grades of iron, talc, limestone, mica, ocher, copper and zinc.

AS the road drops off the Montana plateau, pleasantly gurgling Lopatcong Creek is seen occasionally off to the left and before Lower Harmony is reached it crosses the road near two old houses. A left turn in Lower Harmony is followed by a right turn to Phillipsburg.

The road swings down sharply, highly indicative of the fact that there is a difference of 1,100 feet between Montana and the river at "P'burg." The road off the mountain meets Route 24 at a "Stop" sign. Make a right turn for a half-block then turn right again on the river road to avoid the heavy East-bound traffic.

The traveler who has never been on the river road from Phillipsburg to Brainards is in for some startlingly pleasant views. About a mile north of Phillipsburg the Delaware has eaten its way through the

range, forming a miniature Delaware Water Gap.

Across the river rugged rock ledges overhang the river while on the Jersey side the rock cliffs rise straight up from the curving road. Near



Scenic river road cut from rock-ribbed slopes.

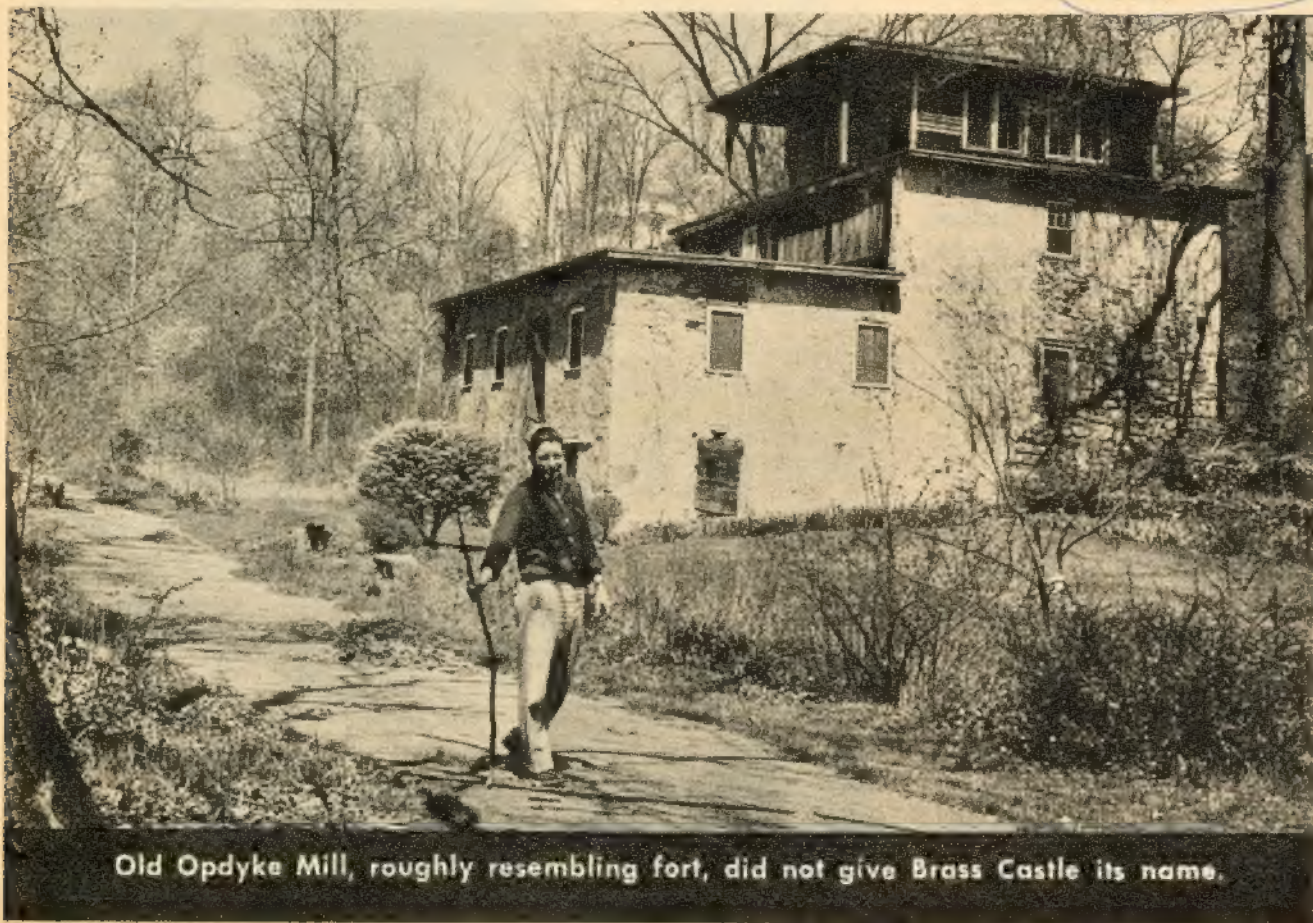
the "Gap" a deep pit on the right is being actively mined for "marble" used to make composition floors. The present operator says the diggings are at least 60 years old.

THE driver is warned that the road carved through this rocky terrain is narrow at times but the scenic views are a reward for the forced slow pace. Past the quarry, however, the route becomes wider again all the way to Brainards.

Before reaching Brainards the traveler may become curious about the remains of a fort-like stone building to the left, with narrow slits in the walls suggesting gun ports. The owner says the building is not a fort—it is merely a very old barn whose wooden interior was destroyed by fire a few years ago.

Between the road and the river the Belvidere Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad links Belvidere and "P'burg." Many residents of the valley still remember the division's horrible accident on April 26, 1911, when an excursion train from Utica, N. Y., bound for Washington, D. C., jumped the track and caught fire south of

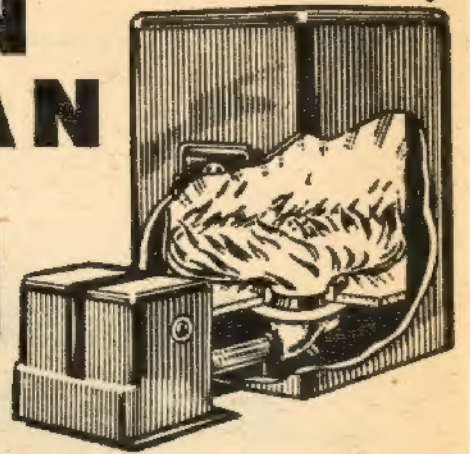
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Old Opdyke Mill, roughly resembling fort, did not give Brass Castle its name.

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Scotts Mountain

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Brainards. Thirteen passengers perished in the disaster.

You have your choice of a name in Brainards: The railroad station bears a sign "Martin's Creek" while the post office is labeled "Brainards." The former comes from the immense Alpha Cement Co. plant seen across the river in Martin's Creek, Pa.; "Brainards" came from the celebrated David Brainards, New Jersey missionary who preached to the Indians here between 1740 and 1744.

FROM Brainards follow signs back to Harmony, whose church spire rising above the trees and its pleasant streets make "Harmony" seem an obvious choice for a name. It's interesting to note that "Harmony" was chosen only after protracted debate in the village over a proper name. Strangely enough, the conflict raged over whether it should be called "Harmony" or "Concord." Harmony honors the memory of Harmon Shippen,



Home of Montana Improvement Association.

one of the first settlers who came from Germany in 1740.

Make a left turn in Harmony for a ride up the valley, where numerous old Quaker houses are spotted along the way. Straight ahead lies Buttzville and Route 6. However, about 4½ miles north of Harmony a road to the right leads to Hazen and Oxford and a return to Washington by Route 30. The Oxford story has been treated in detail in a past "Let's Explore" trip, but the little iron-mining village is always worth a visit.

Oxford was an iron mining center 25 years before the Revolution and was one of Washington's main sources of iron supply during the war. The ruins of the old Oxford Furnace, built in 1742 and operated until 1877, are close to Oxford center and nearby is the old gristmill which has been converted into a Methodist Church. Overlooking the Hazen-Oxford road near the village center is the Shippen Mansion, built in 1754 by Joseph and Dr. William Shippen, owners of the blast furnace.



Series of man-made falls emphasize scenic value of Lopatcong Creek as it runs rapidly down west side of Scotts Mountain on way to the Delaware.



Workers blasting "marble" for composition floors from deep pit near Phillipsburg. Diggings have been in operation for approximately 60 years.